subject application. At best, Karaogoz is entitled to the filing date of its provisional application, namely, April 16, 2004. The subject application is entitled to its original filing date of December 5, 2001, such that Karaogoz is not prior art to the subject application.

Withdrawal of the rejection over Karaogoz is respectfully requested.

The Office Action further entered a rejection of all claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent 5,513,126 (Harkins). The rejection is respectfully traversed, for the reason that Harkins does not transmit any information corresponding to the claimed "access management information", and for the reason that any information transmitted by Harkins is not transmitted from a server to a computer and thence from the computer to a peripheral device. The traversal is explained in more detail below.

The invention generally concerns controlling access to a peripheral device by a user based on access management information. The access management information is for identifying a feature and/or a service of the peripheral device available to a user, or identifying a feature and/or a service of the peripheral device not available to the user. The access management information is received at or transmitted to a computer from a server, and is received at or transmitted to a peripheral device from the computer. The peripheral device determines whether the user can use a feature and/or a service of the peripheral device necessary to perform a job received from the computer, based on the access management information.

Referring specifically to claim language, independent Claim 17 is directed to a method for controlling access to a peripheral device by a user, wherein the peripheral device is accessible by the user based on access management information. The method

includes receiving, at a computer, from a server access management information for identifying a feature and/or a service of the peripheral device available to a user or identifying a feature and/or a service of the peripheral device not available to the user. The method also includes receiving, at the peripheral device, the access management information and a job from the computer, determining, at the peripheral device, whether the user can use a feature and/or a service of the peripheral device necessary to perform the received job, based on the received access management information, and performing, at the peripheral device, the received job in a case that the user can use the feature and/or the service necessary to perform the received job.

Independent Claim 25 is directed to a method for controlling access to a peripheral device by a user, wherein the peripheral device is accessible by the user based on access management information. The method includes receiving, at a computer, from a server access management information for identifying a feature and/or a service of the peripheral device available to a user. The method also includes receiving, at the peripheral device, the access management information and a job from the computer, determining, at the peripheral device, whether the user can use a feature and/or a service of the peripheral device necessary to perform the received job, based on the received access management information, and performing, at the peripheral device, the received job in a case that the user can use the feature and/or the service necessary to perform the received job.

Independent Claim 26 is directed to the device side of the invention, and in particular is directed to a device which is accessible by a user based on access management information. The device includes a reception unit constructed to receive, from a computer,

a job and access management information for identifying a feature and/or a service of the device available to a user or identifying a feature and/or a service of the device not available to the user, wherein the access management information is transmitted from a server to the computer, and a controller constructed to determine, based on the received access management information, whether the user can use a feature and/or a service of the device necessary to perform the received job, and constructed to perform the received job in a case that the user can use the feature and/or the service necessary to perform the received job.

Independent Claim 31 is directed to the device side of the invention and in particular is directed to a device which is accessible by a user based on access management information. The device includes a reception unit constructed to receive, from a computer, a job and access management information for identifying a feature and/or a service of the device available to a user, wherein the access management information is transmitted from a server to the computer, and a controller constructed to determine, based on the received access management information, whether the user can use a feature and/or a service of the device necessary to perform the received job, and constructed to perform the received job in case that the user can use the feature and/or the service necessary to perform the received job.

Independent Claim 32 is directed to the server side of the invention and in particular is directed to a server for use in controlling access to a peripheral device by a user, wherein the peripheral device is accessible by the user based on access management information. The server includes a reception unit constructed to receive from a computer

authentication information corresponding to a user, an authentication unit constructed to authenticate the user using the received authentication information, and a transmission unit constructed to transmit to the computer access management information for identifying a feature and/or a service of the peripheral device available to the authenticated user or identifying a feature and/or a service of the peripheral device not available to the authenticated user. The computer transmits the access management information and a job to the peripheral device, the peripheral device determines, based on the access management information, whether the user can use a feature and/or a service of the device necessary to perform the job, and the peripheral device performs the job in case that the user can use the feature and/or the service necessary to perform the job.

Independent Claim 34 is directed to the server side of the invention and in particular is directed to a server for use in controlling access to a peripheral device by a user, wherein the peripheral device is accessible by the user based on access management information. The server includes a reception unit constructed to receive from a computer authentication information corresponding to a user, an authentication unit constructed to authenticate the user using the received authentication information, and a transmission unit constructed to transmit to the computer access management information for identifying a feature and/or a service of the peripheral device available to the authenticated user. The computer transmits the access management information and a job to the peripheral device, the peripheral device determines, based on the access management information, whether the user can use a feature and/or a service of the device necessary to perform the job, and

the peripheral device performs the job in case that the user can use the feature and/or the service necessary to perform the job.

Independent Claim 35 is directed to the computer side of the invention and in particular is directed to a computer for transmitting a job to a peripheral device, wherein the peripheral device is accessible by the user based on access management information. The computer includes a reception unit constructed to receive from a server access management information for identifying a feature and/or a service of the peripheral device available to a user or identifying a feature and/or a service of the peripheral device not available to the user, and a transmission unit constructed to transmit the received access management information and a job to the peripheral device, wherein the peripheral device determines whether the user can use a feature and/or a service of the peripheral device necessary to perform the job based on the access management information, and the peripheral device performs the job in case that the user can use the feature and/or the service necessary to perform the job.

It is therefore a feature of each of the independent claims that the "access management information" is for identifying a feature and/or a service of the peripheral device available to the user. It is a further feature of each of the independent claims that the access management information is received at a computer from a server, and is thereafter received at a peripheral device from the computer.

The applied patent to Harkins does not disclose all of the features of the claimed invention, and in particular does not disclose at least the aforementioned features whereby "access management information" is for identifying a feature and/or a service of a

peripheral device available to a user, and wherein the access management information is received at a computer from a server, and thereafter received from the computer by a peripheral device.

More particularly, Harkins discloses that the user profile is transmitted from a multi-function device user interface 40 to network administration 105, which publishes a user profile for other network users. When some other network user browses the user profile, the user profile may be transmitted from the network administration 105 to the computer of the other network user. However, user profile is not thereafter transmitted from the computer of the other network user to some peripheral device which performs a job.

Furthermore, the user profile of Harkins is a user profile about the publisher of the user profile, and not about the other network user which obtains the user profile. For example, the publisher of the user profile might indicate a facsimile preference, by checking a fax category box 155 so as to identify facsimile receipt as the default receipt preference. In such a case, then all facsimile documents sent to the publisher of the user profile are routed to his fax at the telephone number identified in profile properties 153. See column 8, lines 41 to 46. Thus, the user profile concerns preferences of the publisher of the user profile, not preferences of the recipient of the user profile. As a consequence, under no stretch of technology could Harkins' user profile be seen to correspond to the claimed "access management information", which identifies a feature and/or a service of the peripheral device available to a user.

Rejections for anticipation under § 102 must meet a strict test: there must be word-for-word identity in which a single prior art reference (here, Harkins) must show, with word-for-word identity, every element of the invention, with all of those elements arranged exactly as in the claim. See MPEP § 2131.

Here, Harkins is not seen to disclose or to suggest at least the aforementioned two features of the claimed invention, namely, receipt of access management information from a server to a computer followed by receipt of the access management information from the computer to a peripheral device, and "access management information" in the sense of information that identifies a feature and/or a service of the peripheral device available to a user. It is therefore respectfully submitted that the rejection under § 102(b) is technologically flawed and must be withdrawn.

An Information Disclosure Statement accompanies this Response. Consideration of the art cited therein is respectfully requested.

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